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1. REACTION TO AREILZA'S RESIGNATION REMAINED VAGUE AND UNCERTAIN OVER THE WEEKEND, WITH A BROAD RANGE OF POLITICAL LEADERS, ASKED BY THE CONSERVATIVE ABC, AGREEING ONLY IN THEIR INABILITY TO RENDER DEFINITIVE JUDGMENTS. SOME THOUGHT AREILZA WOULD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER REMAIN A PART OF POLITICS HERE, BUT EVEN ON THIS POINT THERE WAS VAGUENESS AND CONFUSION WITH ONLY SOCIALIST (PSP) TIerno GALVAN SHOWING CERTAINLY THAT AREILZA WOULD BE ONE OF THE KING'S APPOINTED SENATORS.

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2. CHARACTERIZING AREILZA RESIGNATION AS "POLITICAL VAUDEVILLE, ACT ONE," SATURDAY'S EL PAIS PORTAYED IT AS THE REMOVAL BY THE GOVT, THOROUGH THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OSORIO AND JUSTICE MINISTER LAVILLA, OF AN OBSTACLE (AREILZA) TO SUAREZ'S FIRM CONTROL OF THE POLITICAL CENTER. LAMENTING THE PASSING OF AREILZA WHO,

EL PAIS STATES POINTEDLY OFTEN EMPHASEIZED THE NECESSITY OF "GOING TO THE PEOPLE" AS OPPOSED TO THE TEMPTATION TO SEEK POLITICAL SUCCESS BY EMPLOYING THE " FAVOR OF VARIOUS GOVT MINISTRIES, EL PAIS AGAIN WARNED THE KING NOT TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE "EMROILED IN A BRAWL PICKED BY POLITICAL SMALL. FRY, (IMPLICATION OSORIO AND LAVILLA, EL PAIS THEN CONCLUDES THAT IF ABC REIGHTIS EL ALCARAR, FELIPE GONZALEZ, AREILZA AND EL PAIS CONINCIED IN HEIR DISLIKE OF THIS OPERATION, IT IS NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT, BUT THAT EVEN FROM QUITE DISPARATE POINTS OF VIEW, THE UNREASONABLE IS ALWAYS THE UNREASONABLE".

3. RESPECTED COLUMNISTS "AUGUSTO ASIA, WRITING IN CATHOLIC CENTRISTS YA, PERHAPS SUMMED UP THE REACTION ACROSS THE BOARD WHEN, IN REFERRING TO THE POLITICAL "DEFENSETRATION" OF AREILZA HE GOES ON AT SOME LENGTH ASKING THE QUESTION WHAT IT ALL MEANS, ASSIA, LIKE OTHER POLICIAL COMMENTATORS OBSERVERS AND ACTORS, IS UNABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY DEFINITIVE ANSWER. SORING THE AURA OF CONFUSION AND SMOKE FILLED ROOM DECISIONS AT THIS CRITICAL POINT IN THE POLITICAL PRCOCESS, AND MISMISSING OUT OF HAND THE PARTIDO POPULARS FORMAG STATEMENT THAT AREILZA'S MOTIVES WERE STRICTLY PERSONAL AND UNAFFECTED BY GOVT PRESSURE OR SUGGESTION ABC CALLED EDITORIALY FOR THE GOVT LARIFY WHAT HAD REALLY HAPPENED AND WHY.EATON

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